HELPED TO STEAL CHURCH

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Rufus Kimpton, known to his friends as "Rufe", who is spending the autumn of his life at Windermere, in East Kootenay has always had the wandering foot. He left home in Eastern Canada at the age of 16, and traveled over the southwestern states for some time. Returning home for a brief space he came west over the newly constructed line of the C.P.R., arriving in Calgary November, 1883.

"Rufe" started in Calgary as handy man and adviser to H. Mouleton, proprietor of the Royal Hotel, in a town of about 300 people. He soon transferred his activities to Donald, then a divisional point on the C.P.R., and engaged in business as hotelkeeper, and in partnership with J. Stein as a storekeeper.

One of "Rufe's" outstanding exploits was the theft of the small Episcopal church at Donald which, in his opinion, was no longer necessary there as the point had been practically abandoned by the C.P.R. The church was loaded on cars and taken to Golden, shipped from that point by boat to Windermere and reerected and is now used by the rector of that parish.